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In re PATENT APPLICATION of:

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Application No.: 09/882,298

Examiner: P. Hampton-Hightower

Filed: June 18, 2001

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FOR: INTRINSICALLY GEL-FREE, RANDOMLY BRANCHED POLYAMIDE

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June 18, 2003

AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
Hon. Commissioner of Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 25, 2003 please enter the following amendment and remarks in the application:

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Previously Amended): An intrinsically gel-free, randomly branched polyamide comprising at least units derived from:
1. AB monomers, which monomers have both a carboxylic group (A) and an amine group (B),
 2. at least one compound I, being a carboxylic acid (A_v) or an amine (B_w), said at least one compound having a functionality w or v is 2 or 3,
 3. at least one compound II, being a carboxylic acid (A_v) or an amine (B_w) having a functionality w or v equal to 3, compound II being a carboxylic acid if compound I is an amine or compound II being an amine if compound I is a carboxylic acid; wherein
 - a) the molar ratio of compound II to compound 1 is less than 1 where compound I is bifunctional;